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APPROVAL OF UNDP ASSISTANCE TO AN INTERREGIONAL PROJECT
(INT/90/536) - Management Survey Missions - Latin America and the Caribbean
(Supplementary Assistance)

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| Date of approval by the AC: 1/ | 26 June 1991 |
| Expected duration: | One year |
| Proposed executing agency: | UNDP/OPS |
| Proposed UNDP contribution: | $300 000 Source of funds: SPR/MDP |
| Previous UNDP contribution: | $776 80 |
| Total UNDP budget: | $1 076 80 |

## Project background

In 1988 the Governing Council of UNDP established the Management Development Programme (MDP), allocating (US) $60 million for it during the Fourth Programming Cycle. The overall objective of the programme is to assist developing countries to achieve sustainable improvements in the public sector through the enhancement of their management capacities and capabilities.

With resources from the SPR allocation for MDP, this project was set up for financing of missions undertaking management surveys and other preparatory steps needed to implement MDP. $776,800 was approved for the costs of missions set up by the Regional Bureau for Latin America and the Caribbean for 1990 and 1991.

Experience has shown that this amount will not be sufficient mainly for two reasons: the number of countries involved is greater than foreseen; and the cost for programme development has in many cases proved to be higher than expected. The total requirement for programme preparation is $1,076,800. To undertake management survey missions in Latin America and the Caribbean UNDP assistance was requested under the present approval.

## Description of project

UNDP will finance the preparations necessary for the development of management programmes in individual countries, including desk-studies on the management situation in the public sector. During reconnaissance missions, surveys will be made which will assist governments with overall assessments of their requirements for improved management in the public sector. Advice will also be given on the development of strategies for management improvement and on the future programming of UNDP-support. The reconnaissance missions will normally be followed by programming missions with responsibility for working out together with the governments, long-term programmes for management development.

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